क्रम सं॰	जिले का नाम	31.3.98 तक की स्थिति के अनुसार प्रतीक्षा सूची
26.	राजसामंद	3991
27.	सवाई माधोपुर	1709
28.	सीकर	7414
29.	सिरोही	3431
30.	श्रीगंगानगर	8512
31.	टोंक	1373
32.	उदयपुर	6065
	कुल	138239

Applications pending for PCOs in Nalanda District of Bihar

4472. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of PCO in Nalanda district of Bihar;

(b) the total number of applications from this district for PCOs pending clearance with SDO(T), Bihar Sharif;

(c) What are the details of applications out of the above which have been received from villages falling under Nalanda exchange togetherwith the time since when these are pending clearance;

(d) whether the main reasons for their pendency is slackness/apathy on the part of officials concerned; and

(e) by when all the applications are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA):

(a) 45

(b) 601

(c) No application has been received.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The applications are likely to be cleared progressively after constitution of PCO Allotment Committee for which nominations from MPs are awaited and subject to technical feasibility

Implementation of Justice Talwar Committee Report

4473. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Justice Talwar Committee report on functioning of extra-departmental post-office had submited its report many years ago;

(b) if so, the stage of implementation of the recommendations of this Committee;

(c) the main reasons for the delay in accepting the recommendations;

(d) whether it is a fact that postal employees have gone on stricke to press for implementation of recommendation of the Committee; and

(e) by when the recommendation are likely to be accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Justice Talwar Committee submitted its report only on 30.4.97.

(b) Recommendations are under active considerations of Govt.

(c) Recommendations of Justice Talwar Committee for Extra Departmental Agents are based on the recommendations of the Vth Central Pay Commission for Central Government employees, a major part of which relating to scales of pay, allowances, etc. came to be implemented *vide* Govt.. Notifications dated 30.9.97 and 3.10.97 respectively. Thereafter, orders for implementing a major recommendation of Justice Talwar Committee to increase the fixed monthly allowance of Extra Departmental Agents w.e.f. 1.1.96 by multiplying the same with 3.25 were issued on 12.11.97. These

orders were, however, kept in abayance subsequently on 17.11.97 at the behest of the Postal Staff Federations. Justice Talwar Committee report contains recommendations on various aspects of terms and conditions of engagement of extra Departmental Agents and other related matters, requiring indepth examination and interministerial consultations. The processing of these recommendations by the Govt. may be appreciated in this light.

(d) The Charter of Demands on which two Federations of Postal Employees Unions served a notice for indefinite strike w.e.f. 8.7.98 included the demand for implementation of "positive recommendations" of Justice Talwar Committee and rejection of negative as indicated in the notice by the Federations.

(e) Same as against para (b) above. recommendations

Collapse of PCR Telephone System

4474. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Police Control Room (PCR) system in Delhi with crucial telephone No. 100 collapsed and was inoperative for a long spell of time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the time taken to restore the system; and

(c) whether any full proof communication system worked out for the police so that the public can contact them in case of crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Police control room telephone No. 100 did not collapse. However some of the junctions were out of order due to cable break down, the details of which are given below:

A total of 50 junctions of telephone No. 100 are working on two underground cables in comibination of 40 and 10 junctions. The former cable had gone faulty due to heavy rain fall on 17.6.98 leaving only 3 junctions in working condition. As such thirteen no. of junctions (3+10) were still in working condition. 17 more junctions were restored on 19.6.98 through alternate routing of cable pairs. The cable fault was rectified on 21.6.98 and all the remaining junctions were put in working order in the night of 21.6.98.

There is proposal to lay additional optical fibre cable to Police Headquarter during the current financial year which will provide reliable communication for '100' service.

Video Conferencing Facilities to the Educational Institutions

4475. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal before VSNL and Dot to provide Video conferencing facilities to the educational institutions at as subsidies cost;

(b) if not, whether Government will consider offering the facilities of video conferencing for providing distance learning; and

(c) whether any educational institutions have taken this facilities if so, what is the cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURYAKASTHA): (a) Sir, there are no concrete proposals made to DoT/VSNL to provide Video Conferencing facilities to the educational institutions at subsidised cost.

(b) The proposal will be examined on its merits subject to technical feasibility.

(c) In view of (a) above, information is Nil.